

I am an XM satellite radio subscriber and enjoy the service very much. I have been a subscriber for over a year now and I find it provides a viable alternative source for information and programming not available in my area over the public airwaves. Since becoming an XM subscriber I have not decreased the amount of local programming I listen to, but have in fact INCREASED it. XM offers service in areas that are lacking in my area, especially once I leave the city for the open desert, and I feel it deserves to provide whatever programming it wishes - let the subscriber base either accept or reject it's options, not the NAB.

I respectfully urge you to reject petition 04-160 submitted by the National Association of Broadcasters - an organization I happen to be a member of. I reject out-of-hand efforts to stop the use of new technology out of fear, uncertainty, and doubt...and I contend that is what is at the root of the NAB's motivation in this matter.

The old axiom still rings true - "if you can't lick 'em, join 'em." The NAB seems to have lost thier way in this matter.....

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